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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7894

BILL NUMBER: HB 1770

DATE PREPARED: Jan 9, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Health care provider profiles.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
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IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the Health Professions Bureau to create and maintain profiles for licensed physicians, advanced practice nurses, and certified physician assistants. The bill specifies information that must be contained in a profile. It requires the Bureau to make profiles available to the public, including on the Internet. The bill also provides that a physician, advanced practice nurse, or physician assistant is subject to disciplinary sanctions for failing to provide information for a profile to the Bureau or for knowingly providing inaccurate information.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Health Professions Bureau reports that as of December 12, 2000, there were 22,778 physicians, 15,154 osteopaths, 266 physician assistants, 46 nurse midwives, 992 nurse practitioners, 90 clinical nurse specialists, and 42 certified nurse midwives with active licenses to practice in Indiana. The bill would require each licensed practitioner listed in the bill to submit information for purpose of developing a profile on the practitioner. The Bureau would be required to assemble and maintain a profile on each practitioner, and provide paper or electronic copies of profiles to the public.

The Bureau would incur additional expenditures in order to meet the requirements of the bill. The funds and resources required above could be supplied through a variety of sources, including the following: (1) Existing staff and resources not currently being used to capacity; (2) Existing staff and resources currently being used in another program; (3) Authorized, but vacant, staff positions, including those positions that would need to be reclassified; (4) Funds that, otherwise, would be reverted; or (5) New appropriations. As of August 2000, the Bureau employed 43 authorized full-time staff members. The Bureau has requested six additional positions for the FY 2002-2003 Budget. The requested positions include four Clerical Assistant 3. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon legislative and administrative actions.

Access Indiana reports that an Internet application would be able to provide the information to the public at no fee for the Bureau, given that the Bureau already is online with Access Indiana.

Explanation of State Revenues: The Medical Licensing Board would be able to assess a fine no greater than \$1,000 per violation of failing to provide information requested by or giving false information to the Bureau for purposes of developing a profile on the practitioner. These fines are deposited into the General Fund.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Health Professions Bureau; Medical Licensing Board.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Health Professions Bureau; Candy Irven, Access Indiana; State Budget Agency.